

JABG Program Descriptions for 2011/12

City of Stockton:

Operation Peacekeeper deals with the problem of youth violence, particularly gang and gun violence in the City of Stockton. The program brings together numerous local, state, and federal agencies to examine at-risk youth behavior. Operation Peacekeeper addresses Stockton's street gang activities through a series of forums, workshops, meetings, and anti-violence media messages. These program activities are designed to enforce the message that violence and gang activity are a top priority and will not be tolerated within the community.

Stanislaus County Probation:

Stanislaus County Probation Department will utilize Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to support evidence-based practices to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The project has three components; A Community Service Program which contracts with United Way to provide a community service option in a graduated sanction model; an Alternatives to Custody Sanctions program which utilizes electronic monitoring as an option to detention; and a contract with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) to implement the JASIS risk assessment tool to assess the risks and needs of juvenile offenders.

Solano County Probation

The project will provide accountability of juvenile offenders by offering intermediate sanctions as an alternative to incarceration, as well as serving as a resource for monitoring high risk offenders in the community. Services will be implemented through an electronic monitoring program serving an average of 15-18 Court ordered juvenile offenders daily and 175-200 minors over the course of the grant period. Minors and their parents/legal guardians will be required to agree to and sign contracts identifying specific terms and conditions related but not limited to school attendance, no contact orders, curfews, restriction of activities and free time, refraining from use of alcohol/drugs, drug testing, counseling and obeying all laws and orders of the Court. The assigned officer will follow up with the minors placed on the program by providing case management services (minimum once per week contact) and returning the minor to secure custody for serious program violations.

City of Roseville

JABG funds will be used to support an early intervention program for Roseville youth who have been arrested, cited, or referred for pre-delinquent behavior. The program includes prompt after-arrest counseling and referrals for parents, ongoing counseling and support at school sites, and the Parent Project/Parent Project Teen, a proven skill building program for parents and their defiant out-of-control adolescent children.

Yolo District Attorney's Office

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant helps to support the Vertical Prosecution Unit for Yolo County. The Unit provides specialized expertise in vertical prosecution for every youthful offender, thereby allowing staff to work toward a common goal of caseload backlog reduction and increased participation in a variety of team meetings pertinent to youthful offenders' rehabilitation and accountability.

Monterey County Probation

The justice system has traditionally had limited effectiveness in addressing the common issues of restitution, victim involvement, and victim support in the justice process. The Victim Restitution and Support Program will allow the Monterey County Probation Department to provide greater attention to these services, holding juvenile offenders accountable for the harm caused to victims. This program will continue to: develop general informational services for victims regarding justice proceedings, encourage victim involvement in programs and in the judicial process, and devote resources toward the tracking and recovery of a higher proportion of victim restitution fines.

Butte County Probation

This project supports two initiatives that supplement traditional methods used by the Court and Probation Officers for out-of-custody supervision of minors. The Weekend Accountability Program will serve as an alternative to supplement the out of custody supervision needed to monitor and enforce compliance with the orders of the Juvenile Court. The Curfew and Compliance Project will assist in monitoring compliance with the curfew requirements by contacting juveniles telephonically during non-traditional business and school hours. The Weekend Accountability Project expects to serve 150 participants and the Curfew and Compliance Project anticipates serving 1,000 participants.

Santa Cruz County Probation

The JABG project will help partially fund a Deputy Probation Officer to provide probation case management services to first time offenders and repeat offenders who reside within the target area of Santa Cruz City. The Deputy Probation Officer will be stationed at the Santa Cruz City Police Department and serve approximately 50 youth during the project period. Probation youth will be referred to services within probation's continuum that address factors contributing to delinquency, build competencies in youth, capacity for change and repair and restore harm to victims and community.

Santa Clara County Probation

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding will support multiple components of this project: 1) The Juvenile Treatment Court (JTC) Mentoring Program provides personalized support to youth and helps facilitate successful participation in the JTC Program. Additionally, the project recruits, trains, and supports mentors for participants in JTC. The role of the mentor is to act as a role model and provide consistent support to facilitate the youth's recovery. 2) The Ranch Substance Abuse Program provides services aimed at reducing the high-risk behavior associated with substance abuse, and supporting a stable family environment as youth transition back to home and their community.

Santa Barbara County Probation

The project has two components: 1) Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) is approximately 9 months in length followed by up to 6 months of aftercare. The target population serves minors 14 years of age and older, non-violent and with a history of moderate to severe substance abuse. The JDC also provides short term alcohol and drug counseling to youth temporarily detained in juvenile hall. 2) Teen Court serves first time offenders with lower level offenses who range in age from 10 to 18 years. The Teen Court does not decide guilt or innocence, only the consequences for an admitted offense. A teen offender can participate in Teen Court if she/he admits to the crime and signs a contract agreeing to comply with the

sentence handed down by the court. This program gives young people an opportunity to avoid a juvenile record by completing the program successfully.

San Diego County Probation

The Transitions Program ensures that each youth completing the rehabilitative “camp” phase of the Camp Barrett program is assessed immediately upon entry into the program so that they may be placed on the appropriate “track” and receive the appropriate rehabilitative programming while at Camp Barrett. Also, each of the youth exiting Camp Barrett has a comprehensive re-entry and community supervision plan prepared in conjunction with the ward, the family and the relevant community service providers. Both plans are based on the results of a validated risk assessment and a comprehensive needs assessment. The assessment is repeated prior to the ward’s release into the community in order to create a community-based reentry plan. Two Probation staff members will be paid for using the JABG dollars. A Senior Probation Officer and a Deputy Probation Officer serve as the Transitions Program Probation Officers and will have the responsibility for 40 wards each at any given time.

Napa County Probation

The Napa County Peer Court Program which serves as a diversion program for first time juvenile offenders who have committed low-level crimes. The program is on the lower end of the juvenile justice continuum as it is designed to keep minors out of the system, out of juvenile hall, and if successful in the program a minor will have no formal record when the case is closed. The Napa Peer Court also provides the Juvenile Justice Curriculum in all 8th grade classrooms throughout Napa County which prepares students to think about choices, behaviors, and where they can lead.

Kern County Probation

The Probation Graffiti Caseload will target approximately 85 wards that are on probation status for at least one or more graffiti-related offenses. The program will be localized in the metropolitan Bakersfield area, and supervised by a deputy probation officer working with group counselors in the Probation Department’s Work Program, and the Gang Intervention and Suppression Team (GIST), as well as local law enforcement officers. Youth participating in the project will receive an initial assessment (PACT Risk/Needs Assessment) which will help determine a case plan for the supervision services to be provided the staff.

San Mateo County Probation

The project supported by the JABG funds is the Victim Impact Awareness (VIA) Program. The purpose of this program is to educate youth who have victimized others about the impact their behavior has on others. This class, usually taught in 75 minute sessions over a 7 week period, is facilitated by staff from the probation department and from a non-profit counseling agency. Participants are required to complete a behavioral contract, which includes what they will do to keep from victimizing others.

Tulare County Probation

Probation Community Supervision and Support: The JABG grant supports a portion of a Probation Officer III salary for the purpose of providing community-based probation supervision services to maximum-risk juvenile probationers, thereby enhancing the scope of influence in the accountability of juvenile offenders.

Shasta County Probation

Grant funds will be used to support the licensing and maintenance of the web-based risk assessment tool, Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT), and an automated case plan to identify and implement evidence-based practices for minors. The target population is all current and future active juvenile cases. The Shasta County Probation Department currently supervises 280 juvenile wards and 654PC informal cases.

San Joaquin County Probation

This project partially funds a probation officer who will provide supervision services to approximately 70 youth in the southern and central Stockton areas using a community-policing model designed to make probation officers easily accessible to the clients they serve. The officer will provide delinquency prevention, crises intervention and probation supervision services. The probation officer will perform a validated risk assessment on each youth in the program and make referrals to programs that address the identified criminogenic needs.

Contra Costa County Probation

The East County Juvenile Drug Court provides intensive outpatient drug/alcohol treatment to the youth of the east county area with immediate judicial oversight. Youthful offenders referred to the probation department with drug/alcohol arrests are referred to the program for assessment. Those who choose to participate are sentenced as wards of the court for treatment and potential sanctions. Treatment is highly structured two days per week including individual, group, and family. Clients have access to other treatment as needed. The treatment team includes the Juvenile Court Commissioner, the Deputy Probation Officer, the Deputy District Attorney, the Deputy Public Defender, the treatment provider, and the Program Facilitator.

Fresno County Probation

The Fresno County Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) project aims to reduce substance abuse and recidivism among nonviolent juvenile offenders by providing constructive and intensive court supervision, extensive substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, and family therapy to maximize the juvenile's opportunities for success. The JDC is designed to combine the persuasive powers of the court with a therapeutic regimen of treatment. The JDC has a maximum capacity participation level of 50 juveniles that attend a twelve month program.

Alameda County Sheriff's Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding will be used by The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Youth and Family Services Bureau (YFSB) to provide counseling and referral services to high risk youth and their parents, training to patrol officers and implementation of appropriate sanctions and accountability programs.

Los Angeles County District Attorney

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant helps fund the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN). JOIN will provide a community-based diversion program founded on principles of Accountability and Restorative Justice for 708 serious, nonviolent youthful offenders. To be eligible, minors must be first-

time offenders between the ages of 10 and 17 with a fileable juvenile petition pending in the District Attorney's Office. Eligible crimes are limited to non-violent misdemeanors and felonies with a loss of \$1000 or less. The JOIN program serves six Juvenile Court, and/or District Attorney Juvenile Office locations in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County Public Defender

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will fund the Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) Project. The CARE Project integrates psychiatric social workers and resource attorneys into defense teams to assess, identify, and make disposition recommendations to the Juvenile Court to address children's mental health, special education, and psycho-social needs.

Los Angeles City Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety

This project, administered by the Los Angeles City Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety, incorporates a comprehensive approach aimed at reducing gang-related crime and violence through the application of best-practices in prevention, intervention and suppression programs within the city's twelve disproportionately gang violent zones. JABG funding supports the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program which is the suppression arm of this comprehensive approach.

City of Oakland

JABG funding will be used to refer eligible (e.g. first time, non-violent offender) youth to the McCullum Youth Court and contract with McCullum Youth Court, as a community-based organization, to operate the Paragon program. The McCullum Youth Court, grounded in an evidence-based youth court model, represents a restorative justice approach to diversion that provides an effective alternative to standard juvenile court. It is anticipated the Youth Court will serve approximately 250 unduplicated youth. The initial program (youth sentence) is 3-4 months and mandates include: 8 hours of gender specific workshops, 8-12 hours of jury duty and 12-50 hours of community service. Discretionary sentencing components include: restitution, writing an essay and/or letter of apology, attending a healthy risks and/or boundaries class, anger management workshops, substance abuse counseling, and/or additional family or individual counseling.

Merced County Probation

The Bear Creek Academy and the Youth Treatment Program are commitment programs run by the Merced County Probation Department. A key component of both programs is aftercare supervision in the community using GPS supervision. Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used to provide GPS monitoring services for 30 juveniles as they transition from the commitment program back into the community.

Orange County District Attorney

The Orange County Juvenile Offender Accountability Program enables prosecutors to address youth sexual offenses more effectively. The program utilizes the vertical prosecution model, whereby a single prosecutor follows the case from the point of charting, through witness preparation, trial and disposition. The program provides for one experienced Deputy District Attorney (DDA) to focus solely on juvenile sex

offender cases. The program is collaboration between the District Attorney's Office, the Probation Department and the Health Care Agency.

Riverside County Sheriff

Project funds are utilized to support a multi-agency gang task force designed to gather and share information on juvenile gang members. In its tenth year of operation, the Coachella Valley Violent Gang Task Force (CVVGTF) includes both state and local law enforcement agencies. The primary purpose of the CVVGTF is to identify, track, and monitor violent juvenile gang members that evade law enforcement through movement between communities and jurisdictions. The grant will include funding to dedicate a Deputy Sheriff who will focus on intervention and rehabilitation strategies and opportunities for at risk juveniles, conduct gang interventions with juveniles and their parents, network with community leaders and conduct compliance checks on juvenile probationers. The task force will provide services to at least 300-500 juvenile offenders throughout the grant period.

Sacramento City Police

This JABG project will be a direct service program to supplement the Sacramento Gang Prevention and Intervention Program (GPIP) which is funded through the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Initiative. JABG funds will be used to hire an additional counselor to conduct risk assessments of identified at-risk youth and further support GRIP activities. The GRIP is a trifurcated approach to reducing juvenile gang involvement and associated violence at schools and within the community. It utilizes a targeted outreach that includes prevention assemblies, clinical risk assessments and referrals to intensive intervention through one or more evidence based programs.

Sacramento County Health and Human Services- Alcohol and Drug Services

Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Services will utilize JABG funding to implement two enhancements for the Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) program that will improve the quality and intensity of evidence-based substance abuse treatment services and provide for a formal evaluation of the program. Specifically, the enhancements are to:

1. Implement the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA) and Assertive Continuing Care (ACC), a proven, cost-effective treatment model; and
2. Contract with professional services to assist in evaluating whether the program is achieving the goals, objectives and outcomes that were intended and whether adjustments need to be made to the program.

Sacramento County Probation Department

JABG funding will be used to support the Juvenile Systems Integration (JSI) project which will integrate the Youth Detention Facility's (YDF) booking, intake and classification systems into a single application - the Juvenile Arrest and Referral System (JARS). Integration will eliminate duplicate data entry, reduce discrepancies in juvenile offender data, and improve workflow. The project does not provide direct services to youth. It is an information technology system enhancement designed to improve the efficiency, accuracy and availability of information. The Sacramento County Probation Department's Information Technology Division will contract with a Business Analyst, Analyst Programmer, and Technical Writer to complete the JSI project.

San Francisco Office of the Public Defender

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used to support the Public Defender Placement Assistance Program. The project addresses the backlog of public defender cases while working to identify community-based alternatives and out-of-home placements for youth who would otherwise remain in custody unnecessarily. Public Defender will represent clients in juvenile court matters, obtain appropriate assessments of clients including educational and mental health assessments, and identify and build partnerships with community-based alternatives to detention and other supportive community-based services.

San Luis Obispo County Probation Department

JABG funding will be used to enhance the Juvenile Drug Court Program with counseling services and the drug testing supplies for juveniles court-ordered to the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Drug Court Program. This program is a one-year program for high-risk juvenile offenders with drug and alcohol issues. The program includes both treatment services and accountability through frequent court appearances and intensive contact by probation officers.

Sonoma County Probation Department

The Sonoma County Probation department will utilize a portion of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to provide probation youth with Functional Family Therapy (FFT) a highly successful family intervention program for dysfunctional youth. The remaining JABG funds will be used to provide Officer Safety and Field Training to Probation Officers and Juvenile Correctional Counselors.

Marin County Probation Department

Marin County Juvenile Drug Court is an intensive and comprehensive supervision program designed for youth, aged 14-18 years of age, who are significantly involved in the juvenile justice system due to the frequency of their delinquency and the severity of their drug/alcohol abuse. The abuse of substances by these youth has also impaired their family relations and performance in school. The goal is to increase the rate of successful completion of drug and alcohol treatment programs for youth. Specifically, JABG funding will be used to support Family Connections, the treatment program for the Juvenile Drug Court.

Ventura County Probation Department

Ventura County Probation Department will use JABG funds to support two projects: 1) The Juvenile Drug Court is the collaborative effort of the Ventura Superior Court, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Probation Agency and the Alcohol and Drug Agency. The program generally lasts for 12-18 months and includes three phases, with different goals and requirements that are tailored to each juvenile's specific substance abuse problem and stage of recovery. 2) The Truancy Intervention Program established by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, identifies chronically truant students and requires them to participate in School Attendance Review Board (SARB) meetings designed to determine the causes of their truancy and create a plan to remedy the problem. The Truancy Intervention program assigns a Deputy District Attorney to individual Student Attendance Review Boards across the county. The Deputy District Attorney participates in follow-up meetings and monitors juveniles on contract and conducts training sessions for school officials, law enforcement and community based organizations on legal and operational issues.

San Bernardino County Law and Justice Group

The San Bernardino County Law and Justice Group will use JABG funds to support three projects: 1) The Public Defender's Early Intervention Program will fund a fulltime employee with expertise in social services to work at the Public Defender's Juvenile Office in order to provide a myriad of services to juvenile clients and their families that would result on a holistic approach to rehabilitation. Activities will include assessment of client and family needs, referral to treatment or other resources as well as court liaison and support services. 2) The District Attorney's Office will use JABG funding to support the Parent Project which will provide an instructor to teach a parenting program to parents of "at-risk " youth that are in the Juvenile justice system.. The objective of this evidence based program is to reduce recidivism and promote positive parenting. 3) The District Attorney's At-Risk Teens Program (DAART) will utilize JABG funding to support and maintain an accountability-based athletic program aimed at reducing recidivism among at -risk juveniles referred to the program by law enforcement officers in the city of San Bernardino.